



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: KANAYAMA et al.

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For: SLIDING BEARING FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 14, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2002, the response date of which having been extended to February 26, 2003 by a two-month Extension of Time, Applicants amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 11 and 12 as follows:

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1. (Three Times Amended) A sliding bearing for supporting an opposing shaft movable in a sliding direction against said sliding bearing, said sliding bearing comprising:
a backing metal, and
a copper alloy consisting essentially of from 0.1 to 2% by weight of Ag and from 1 to 10% by weight of Sn, the balance of the alloy consisting essentially of Cu, said alloy bonded to said backing metal, and having on its side opposite to the backing metal a roughened surface of approximately 0.5 to approximately 10 μm of roughness (Rz);